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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/001,420	<b>Applicant(s)</b> RUSSELL ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Andrew Joseph Rudy	<b>Art Unit</b> 3687	

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### Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-11,19-22 and 24-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6-11,19-22 and 24-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. The previous rejections are withdrawn pursuant to Applicant's March 6, 2009 REMARKS.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

2. Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 19-22 and 24-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bebiak et al, US 6,576,280 and Official Notice.

Bebiak discloses, e.g. cols. 1-6, conducting an on-line transaction comprising providing at least on computer server, e.g. 104, for use on the world wide web, e.g. the Internet, where users may be provided a unique identification in creating an individual pet profile account, e.g. 102. Bebiak does not disclose charging a fee for the services. It is noted that Bebiak may be used with pets, e.g. col. 2. It is further noted that the manufacturing process disclosed by Bebiak may be viewed as a "pet calculator" in broad scope and content.

Bebiak apparently does not disclose where member/user accounts are charged for use of a web site and where sending/receiving a command from a remote computer and transmitting data to a remote computer. Official notice is taken that charging a member/user account for use of a web site and sending/receiving a command from a remote computer and transmitting data to a remote computer using a protected password has been common knowledge in the electronic world wide web database art.

To have provided pet-related services from a plurality of sources and providing results and feedback to a user for Bebiak would have been obvious in view of Official Notice. It is noted that intended use claim language, e.g. "capable of," is given little if any patentable weight in juxtaposition to positively recited claim language.

Applicant's March 6, 2009 REMARKS have been reviewed, but are moot in light of the new grounds of rejection.

3. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 571-272-6789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew S. Gart can be reached on 571-272-3955. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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